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For: PRIMERS FOR USE IN DETECTING BETA-LACTAMASES

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 08 April 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1 (immediately after the "Statement of Related Applications" heading) with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent No. 6,242,223, issued 05 June 2001, entitled "Primers for Use in Detecting Beta-Lactamases," which claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/102,181, filed September 28, 1998, entitled "Primers for Use in Detecting Beta-Lactamases," and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/121,765, filed February 26, 1999, also entitled "Primers for Use in Detecting Beta-Lactamases." All three applications are incorporated herein by reference.--